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BUILTH WELLS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

1942.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1942. This report is prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 2605 (Wales) and is again therefore very restricted. The opportunity is taken, however, of dealing briefly with subjects in which the public have shown special interest during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified to me during the year.

Puerperal Pyrexia.....1 case.
Acute Pneumonia.....1 case.
Pertussis.....4 cases.

None of the above cases were removed to an isolation hospital and as will be seen, the district was free from any severe outbreak of infectious disease.

Isolation Hospital Accommodation.

Towards the end of the year some effort was made to secure isolation hospital accommodation but, by the end of the year, no definite arrangements had been made. This is far from being satisfactory and it is to be hoped that every effort will be made during 1943 to secure these very necessary hospital beds.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year under review monthly clinics were commenced for the purpose of immunising children against diphtheria. The response has been satisfactory and as a result a recent survey showed that 88% of the school children had been immunised. The response in the under five year group has also been satisfactory and it is to be hoped that the response will continue to remain good so that the present high immunising rate may be maintained.

Scabies. A fair number of scabies came to my notice during the year. The cases occurring in evacuee children were admitted to the Sick Bay at Sennybridge while the non-evacuee cases were dealt with by the County Health Visitor.

Tuberculosis.

The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in the district.

Number of cases on the register at the commencement of the year..8.
Number of fresh cases notified during the year.....4.
Number of cases left the district.....0.
Number of tuberculosis deaths.....1.
Number of cases remaining on the register at end of year.....11.

Notifications in recent years...1939..1, 1940..5, 1941..3, 1942...4.

Venereal Disease.

Cases of venereal disease are treated by the County Council.

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No exceptional administrative measure was recommended by me during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
T.C.R. GEORGE.
Medical Officer of Health.